IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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NUCLEOSIDE ANALOGUES

REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

MAIL STOP - AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action issued January 23, 2009, entry of the following amendments is respectfully requested:

<u>Amendments to the claims</u> are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.